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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 548

Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon

February 18, 2003

~~An act to amend Sections 7646 and 7647 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to funeral directors and embalmers.~~ *An act to add Section 7603 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to funeral directors and embalmers.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 548, as amended, Calderon. Funeral directors and embalmers: examinations.

Existing law, the Funeral Directors and Embalmers Law, provides for the licensing and regulation of funeral directors and embalmers by the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau of the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law requires an applicant for licensure to pass an examination covering specific subjects ~~which~~ *that* the bureau is required to offer at least once annually.

This bill would ~~instead require applicants for licensure as embalmers to pass the National Examination for Embalmers which would be offered at least once annually~~ *require the bureau to work with the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards, after the conference completed an occupational analysis of California funeral directors and embalmers, to develop a national examination augmented by examination questions specific to the profession in California.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1.—Section 7646 of the Business and Professions~~
2 ~~SECTION 1.~~ *Section 7603 is added to the Business and*
3 ~~Professions Code, to read:~~

4 ~~7603.~~ *The bureau, upon completion of an occupational*
5 ~~analysis of California funeral directors and embalmers by the~~
6 ~~International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards,~~
7 ~~shall work with the conference to develop a national examination~~
8 ~~that is augmented by additional examination questions that are~~
9 ~~specific to the profession in California.~~

10 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

11 ~~7646.—The bureau shall require the applicant to pass the~~
12 ~~National Examination for Embalmers prepared by the Conference~~
13 ~~of Funeral Service Examining Board, which shall include, but not~~
14 ~~be limited to, the following subjects:~~

- 15 ~~(a) Theory and practice of embalming.~~
16 ~~(b) Anatomy, including histology, embryology and dissection.~~
17 ~~(c) Pathology and bacteriology.~~
18 ~~(d) Hygiene, including sanitation and public health.~~
19 ~~(e) Chemistry, including toxicology.~~
20 ~~(f) Restorative art, including plastic surgery and demisurgery.~~
21 ~~(g) Laws, rules and regulations of the bureau, including those~~
22 ~~sections of the Health and Safety Code which pertain to the funeral~~
23 ~~industry.~~

24 ~~SEC. 2.—Section 7647 of the Business and Professions Code~~
25 ~~is amended to read:~~

26 ~~7647.—(a) The National Examination for Embalmers shall be~~
27 ~~given to applicants for embalmer's licenses at least once annually.~~

28 ~~(b) The National Examination for Embalmers shall be~~
29 ~~administered at times and places as may be determined by the~~
30 ~~bureau.~~

31 ~~(c) Notice of the time and place of the examinations shall be~~
32 ~~given as determined by the bureau.~~